CHAP. II.

An Account of the APPARELLING *and* ROBEING *of the* KING *and* QUEEN; *Their* Repairing *to* Westminster; *And how the* PEERS *and* PEERESSES, *and all Others who were to attend Their* MAJESTIES *to Their* CORONATION, *were* Disposed, Marshalled, *and* Conducted *into* Westminster-Hall, *in Order to the* GRAND PROCEEDING.

THeir MAJESTIES having thought fit to Lodge at the *Palace* of St. *James's*, on the Vigil of St. *George*, being the Night before Their CORONATION, for the greater Conveniency of performing Their *Devotions*, *&c.* The *Lord Great Chamberlain*, in pursuance of his *Claim*, repaired unto the KING early in the Morning, with His MAJESTIES *Shirt* opened for the *Anointing*; and, with the Assistance of the *Gentlemen* of the *Bedchamber*, (in regard the Earl of *Arlington*, *Lord Chamberlain* of the *Houshold*, was then very much indisposed,) put on the same, and proceeded further to *Apparel* His MAJESTY with His *Under-Trouses*, *Breeches* and *Stockins* of *Crimson Silk*, and then with His *Sattin Surcoat* opened likewise for the *Anointing*, and other upper *Apparel* fit for the Season.

Whereupon His MAJESTY, having performed His *Devotions*, and being Attended with several *Noblemen* and *Officers* of His *Houshold*, passed through St. *James's Park* to *Whitehal*; where the *Royal Barge* attending at the *Privy Stairs*, He came therein privately by Water to *Westminster*, about Ten of the Clock in the Morning, and Landed at the *Parliament-Stairs* *, leading up to the *Old Palace-Yard*; And going directly to the *Princes Lodgings*, He there Reposed Himself, and was Invested with His *Surcoat* of *Crimson Velvet*; and, after some time, with His ROYAL ROBE, or MANTLE, of *Crimson Velvet* Furred with *Ermine*, called *His Parliament Robes*, with a *Cap* of *Estate* also of *Crimson Velvet*, turned up with *Ermine*.

* The way from the Water-side to the *Princes Lodgings* was new Gravelled, and put in Order by Warrant from the *Lord Chamberlain* to the *Surveyor-General*, dated 19 *April*.

The QUEEN, in the mean time, having performed *Her Devotions* also, and been fully *Attired* at St. *James's*, and *Apparelled* in *Her* ROYAL ROBES of *Purple Velvet*, Furred with *Ermine*, by the *Ladies* of *Her* MAJESTIES *Bedchamber*, Assisted by *Her Women*, and on *Her Head* a *Cap* of *Purple Velvet* turn'd up with *Ermine*, with a *Circle* of *Gold* richly adorned with *Pretious Stones*, came privately in Her Chair to *Whitehal*, and thence through the *Privy Garden* into *Chanel-*

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